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FOR THE SECRETARY

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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH BRAND FOURIE

REF: SECTO 27295 AND SECTO 27303

1. I SAW BRAND FOURIE AT 8:45 A.M. AND GAVE HIM MESSAGE
CONTAINED SECTO 27303. HE SAID HE WAS ALSO DUBIOUS ABOUT
SMITH MAKING REFERENCE TO DE-ESCALATION IN HIS SPEECH
AND HAD URGED CAUTION ON THIS SCORE. AT SAME TIME HE
RECOGNIZED HOW IMPORTANT IT WAS TO WHITE ACCEPTANCE OF
NEW DISPENSATION TO BE ASSURED THAT FIGHTING WOULD AT
LEAST START TO DE-ESCALATE RIGHT AFTER SMITH ANNOUNCEMENT.

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2. I REVIEWED WITH FOURIE OUTLOOK FOR FULL COMPLIANCE

BY SMITH WITH UNDERSTANDINGS REACHED HERE. WE BOTH AGREED THAT SMITH IS ADHERING TO PROGRAM HE DESCRIBED TO YOU FOR OBTAINING CONSENSUS BEFORE MAKING SPEECH AND SHOWS NO RPT NO SIGN OF BACKSLIDING ON HIS COMMITMENT. AS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF SMITH'S GOOD INTENTIONS, FOURIE REFERRED TO FACT THAT TWO PERSONS ACCOMPANYING KEN FLOWER (PARAGRAPH 1E OF PRETORIA 4309) ARE COMING TO PRETORIA SPECIFICALLY TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC PACKAGE WITH HIM PREPARATORY TO HIS TRIP TO WASHINGTON NEXT SUNDAY.

3. WITH RESPECT TO GETTING COMMITMENT FROM RHODESIANS BY TONIGHT THAT SMITH WILL MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT TOMORROW (PARA 3 OF SECTO 27295), FOURIE SAID THIS MAY DEPEND UPON WHETHER CONSULTATION WITH PARLIAMENTARY CAUCUS IS COMPLETED BY TONIGHT. HE FORESEES POSSIBILITY OF SESSION CONTINUING TOMORROW MORNING IN WHICH CASE IT MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN THAT COMMITMENT TODAY. WE AGREED TO TRY THROUGH HAWKINS AND FLOWER TO GET COMMITMENT EVEN IF CAUCUS SPILLS OVER. FOURIE AGAIN EMPHASIZED HE HAD NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT SMITH WOULD RENEGE ON COMMITMENT.

4. I RAISED WITH FOURIE ISSUE OF CHANNEL FOR TRANSMITTING RHODESIAN COMMUNICATIONS. HE SAID HE HAD GIVEN BRITISH COPIES ONLY BECAUSE HAWKINS HAD REQUESTED IT. HAWKINS HAD EXPLAINED THAT SINCE BRITISH WOULD BE BACK IN FULL PICTURE AFTER SMITH ANNOUNCEMENT, THEY MIGHT AS WELL BE CLUED IN AS OF NOW. FOURIE SAID THAT HE COULD NOT DISREGARD SUCH A GOVERNMENTAL REQUEST. HOWEVER, IN MY PRESENCE HE CALLED HAWKINS AND TOLD HIM THAT BECAUSE OF CONFUSION THAT HAD ARISEN FROM TWO-CHANNEL USE, HE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT FOR NEXT FEW DAYS RHODESIANS NOT RPT NOT ASK THAT THEIR MESSAGES BE PASSED TO BRITISH. HAWKINS AGREED. FOURIE ESPECIALLY ANXIOUS FOR YOU TO KNOW THAT HE NEVER CONSIDERED PASSING COMMUNICATIONS TO YOU OTHER THAN THROUGH ME AND HAD GIVEN COPIES TO BRITISH ONLY BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN SPECIFICALLY ASKED TO DO SO. MINDFUL OF YOUR CONCERN ABOUT BRITISH ATTITUDES ON THIS SUBJECT, HE IS BEING MOST CAREFUL IN DEALING WITH SCOTT WHEN LATTER TAKES
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INITIATIVE IN RAISING ISSUES.

5. I TOLD FOURIE THAT I HAD AUTHORIZATION TO MEET WITH FLOWER. HE SAID HE WOULD SET UP SESSION THIS AFTERNOON TO INCLUDE FLOWER, SCOTT, BOWDLER AND HIMSELF.
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